

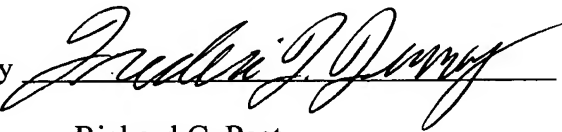
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in order to place the application in better condition for examination. The amendments to the claims eliminate improper multiple dependencies, improve consistency and clarity of claim language, and improve form. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows; a clean, replacement Abstract incorporating these changes is attached to this document and is given the same page number as the original Abstract, *i.e.*, page number 11.

ABSTRACT

~~The object of the invention is to provide a camera that exhibits an increased impact resistance, and to that end the invention provides an observation device comprising a housing, an optical lens with a field of view, which is accommodated with the housing, said housing comprising an outer dome which is transparent, at least in the field of view of the lens, for protecting the lens, and an inner dome disposed within the outer dome. The observation device having the above construction is resistant to impact by an object with a maximum impact energy of a first magnitude, whilst the observation device not fitted with an inner dome is resistant to impact by said object with a second maximum impact energy of a second magnitude. The proportion between the first magnitude and the second magnitude is at least 1.1.~~ An observation device includes a housing and an optical lens having a field of view. The housing includes an outer dome having at least one transparent portion and an inner dome. The optical lens is accommodated within the housing. The outer dome is transparent in the field of view of the lens and is configured to protect the lens. The observation device is resistant to impact by an object with a maximum impact energy of a first magnitude. A like observation device, but lacking an inner dome, is resistant to impact by the object with a maximum impact energy of a second magnitude. The ratio between the first magnitude and the second magnitude is at least 1.1.